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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6442
BILL NUMBER: HB 1055

DATE PREPARED: Nov 20, 2000
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Victim Rights.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that a court may not sentence a defendant convicted of committing a crime until: (1) the court informs the victim of the crime or the victim representative of the victim's or victim representative's right to make a statement concerning the crime and the sentence; and (2) the court considers any oral or written statement made by the victim or victim representative. It makes conforming amendments under the law concerning: (1) victim rights by requiring a court to appoint a lawful representative who is not a witness if a victim is incompetent, deceased, or otherwise incapable of designating another person to act in the victim's place; and (2) sentencing for murder by requiring a court to receive evidence of the crime's impact on members of the victim's family in making the final determination of the sentence .

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill could extend the sentencing phase of any criminal trial depending upon the length of testimony and the difficulty in obtaining a victim representative.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts with criminal jurisdiction.

Information Sources: